

MC GOVERNANCE

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

WDCE Council Minutes

05-02-2023

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Attendees

Members present

- John Amoroso
- Nelida Andres
- Transcie Almonte-Sabio
- Rabbee Awan
- Naomi Daremblum
- Walter Lange
- M.J. Park
- Vathany Say – proxy Transcie Almonte-Sabio
- Natasha G. Sacks
- Clyde Straughn
- Dorothy Umans
- Stuart Walker
- Emma R. Wilson
- Carol Woodside
- Nadir Zeblah – proxy Clyde Straughn

Invited Guests

- Carolyn Terry
- Clevette Ridguard

Guests

- Alice-Ann Beachy

Members absent

- Zoila Marroquín
- Anna Donohoe – excused absence
- Benjamin David – new member
- Carolyn Barry – new member

Call to Order

- Meeting began at 8:31. Meeting will be recorded for minutes review purposes only.

Constituent Concerns

- No constituent concerns reported
- Rabbee: update on the last meeting's concern (Who is in charge of marketing and outreach for WDCE?
– Rabbee took this concern to the College Council. She will update the WDCE Council once the information is available.

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Agenda

- Agenda for today's meeting was approved. Transcie moved to approve; Dorothy seconded.
- Meeting minutes from **4/19/2023** were displayed for review.
- Question from Walter regarding Dr. Paul Miller's presentation at the last meeting involving the use of technology in the classrooms. Rabbee requested that the question be sent to her, and she will forward the question to Dr. Miller.
- Motion to approve minutes by Naomi; Emma seconded.

WDCE Updates

Dr Carolyn Terry, *Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs with input from Dorothy Umans*

- Lumens changes meeting took place on Friday 4/28; June deadline update for course descriptions for marketing purposes; course descriptions might have to be rewritten; marketing mailing is expense, may not print the entire content of brochures for marketing.
- Planning the WDCE-wide retreat in September at Takoma Park;
- Natalya Bah – Part-time Faculty awarded Part-Time Faculty of the Year Award;
- Closing Meeting May 17 at Global Hall Meeting; Natalya will accept her award;
- Dr. Rai left Montgomery College at the end of April; call for people to participate on Hiring Committee
- Dorothy – Natalie Martinez will receive a teaching award on May 17. Wanjin Kim – will receive one of

the outstanding teaching award credit/non-credit faculty.

- Dorothy – Dr. Paul Miller will present at the retreat on – what AI can mean for programs, students, and our job.

Rabbee Awan - Welcome to the WDCE Council Members 2023-2024:

Naomi Daremblum, Carolyn Barry (new member); Emma Wilson; John Amoroso (new member); Vathany Say; Natasha Sacks; Nelida Andres (new member); Clyde Straughn (new member) ; Benjamin David (student); Stuart Walker (student), Rabbee Awan; Dorothy Umans

Introduction of the new members present at the meeting:

Clyde Straughn – IT Support Specialist from WDCE IT Services

John Amoroso – Program Coordinator, Writing, Animal Care, Veterinary Assistance, Nail Technician, Non-Profit Leadership Institute

Neli (Nelida) Andres – Program Director of the Early Childhood Education in English and Spanish

Chair Report by Rabbee Awan

- Complete Required Training by June 30; the Ethics Questionnaire to be completed;
- FYI 2023 Annual Reviews – adjustments to goals – manage goals tools; performance management;
- May – Celebrating Mental Health Awareness month; webinars on different campuses; Council members– volunteered; May 4 – Yoga on RV Campus; May 10 at Central Services Building – mini health fair – resources available;
- Piano bar – virtual happy hour to distress, May 11; MC Wellness web page – details;
- Empowering MC Employees with Legal Resources – open enrollment period starts October 30;
- Facilities master plan public meeting - all are welcomed and encouraged to join;
- The 11th International Annual Digital Storytelling Conference – registration fees paid with EAP funds;
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Heritage Month;
- Emma volunteers at the Mobil Food Market; volunteers are needed at the ShaW Center Mobile Markets;
- Walter – helped at Rockville Mental Health Fair, at Counseling and Advising table;
- Mental Health Fair on Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus – Rabbee helped.

Elections: Rabbee Awan

Rules read; Transcie assisted; only WDCE elected council members could vote; elections took place for the following positions: Chair; Vice-Chair; and Secretary.

The following members were elected:

Chair: Rabbee Awan

Vice-Chair: John Amoroso

Secretary: Vathany Say

Announcements and Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Motion to adjourn by Emma, seconded by Naomi.
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